

ABOVE SDT Leadership Meeting – 9/23/13

Attending: Peter G., Eric K., Dan H., Libby L., Diane W.; Rapporteur: Elizabeth H.

Current Business:

1. Current Status of the ACEP:
 - a. Co-chairs Eric and Dan are working on a draft of Chapters 1-3. The societal group is in the process of finalizing their science question theme write-up for Chapter 3. Co-chair Dan will consult with Stan Wullschleger about the integrative question included in Chapter 3 now that most other groups have submitted write-ups about their science questions and themes.
 - b. Co-chair Dan will send a draft of Chapters 1-3 to the leadership team by September 30th. The leadership team will review that draft and send comments to Dan by October 4th (October 7th at the latest) so that the comments can be incorporated and a draft can be sent to the SDT (and Diane W.) prior to the full SDT telecon on October 9th.
2. Next Steps for the ACEP:
 - a. Chapter 4 – Dan will send a reminder to the small groups to continue working on the research requirements for the ACEP in preparation for the full telecon this Thursday (9/26/13)
3. Upcoming Full SDT Telecon (9/26/13)
 - a. This week's telecon will focus on two topics: the research requirements for the ACEP (Chapter 4 material) and the structure of the Ottawa SDT meeting.
4. 4th SDT Meeting near DC
 - a. The best availability for the group is December 3-5th (a Tuesday through Thursday). The option of holding the meeting offsite at a contractor facility was offered to keep costs down and keep the meeting close to Goddard.
5. Other Business
 - a. ABOVE will have an AGU town hall. Time and location TBD.
 - b. Dan H. will be attending IBFRA shortly and the CCE Office is working on updating the ABOVE presentation by developing a presentation template for ABOVE and possibly standardizing a set of charts and graphics for ABOVE.
 - c. Dan H. is a guest editor for a special issue in the journal *Remote Sensing*: http://www.mdpi.com/journal/remotesensing/special_issues/northern-ecosystems. The link will be added to the ABOVE website, and possibly the NACP website as an item of interest.